

Luis Alberto Peluso recalls success of Latin American Poker Tour event

The Latin American Poker Tour arriving in Mar del Plata saw the Argentine coastal resort host its first ever officially recognized poker tournament.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, UNITED STATES, June 14, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Presided over by lottery and casino industry expert [Luis Alberto Peluso](#), the event saw professional poker players from around the globe descend on the Argentine city, all looking to hopefully scoop the \$381,030 grand prize.

"Mar del Plata had hosted FIFA World Cup games, the Pan American Games, and the Rugby World Cup Sevens in the not too distant past," explains Peluso. "It was not, however, until the arrival of the Latin American Poker Tour that the city would play host to its first officially recognized poker tournament."

Indeed, the PokerStars sponsored event saw Mar del Plata embrace poker like never before.

Promptly hailed as a great success, the tournament's croupiers prepared for several months for the event in Las Vegas, Nevada. "Vegas is a city whose economy is primarily driven by gaming, tourism, and conventions," [Luis Alberto Peluso explains](#).

"This was a key aspiration of the resort of Mar del Plata at the time," he continues. "The city sought to grow its economy through the gaming and entertainment sectors, which in turn would bolster its restaurant and retail industries."

Mar del Plata's inaugural official poker tournament was won by Germany's Dominik Nitsche. "Coming into the event, I wanted to play my best poker," he remarked upon winning. "I have no plans for the money. Maybe I'll save it, or maybe I'll buy a nice car!"

Of the success of poker itself, Peluso suggests that this is likely down to the fact that rather than just a game of chance, poker is a game of skill and ability. "It's a mathematical game, like a variation of chess," he says.

Accordingly, recent figures suggest that, as of 2018, there are more than 65 million regular poker players in the United States, with more people now enjoying the card game than either tennis or golf.

A major fishing port and part of Buenos Aires Province, the resort city of Mar del Plata has subsequently gone on to host the FIBA Americas Championship and the World Transplant Games, as well as acting as the starting point for the Dakar Rally when it arrived for the first time in Argentina.

"I'm incredibly proud of what my team and I achieved in bringing the Latin American Poker Tour to Mar del Plata," says Peluso of the event, wrapping up. "I'm confident that it'll be back, and hopefully bigger and better than ever!"

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